

Dear Chairman Powell:

The LEC's operate an "essential facility," and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning helps to stimulate competition in the marketplace, and is a benefit to consumers everywhere. To not allow this would be to cripple the 1996 Telecom Act. Although I lost faith in your commission's ability to watch out for the common citizen years ago, I urge you to not sell out to the few corporations, who already dominate the market, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.